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1. CHARGE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING WITH ITALIAN DELEGATION MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY ISSUES, CIARRAPICO, TO OUTLINE US CONCERNS RE ITALIAN RESERVATIONS ON LTDP. CIARRAPICO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION CONCERNING THE ITALIAN RESERVATIONS OUTLINED REF (A). HOWEVER, HE SAID HE BELIEVED ITALY WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED OVER US PROPOSAL FOR "PROGRAM MANAGERS."

2. CHARGE, NOTING US WAS NOW REFERRING TO "PROGRAM COORDINATORS," OUTLINED US VIEW ON THIS POINT, DRAWING ON PARA 4.B, REF (B). HE EMPHASIZED WE WERE NOT SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A CZAR WHO COULD DICTATE POLICY TO ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ON LTDP PROGRAMS. RATHER, WE BELIEVED IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE A SINGLE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL COORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES CALLED FOR AND TO PREPARE PROGRESS REPORTS FOR MINISTERS. OTHER-
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WISE, NORMAL BUREAUCRATIC TENDENCIES WOULD SO DILUTE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO INSURE PROGRESS ON LTDP.

3. CIARRAPICO SAID HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING US VIEWS AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ROME BEFORE MAY 8 MEETING.
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